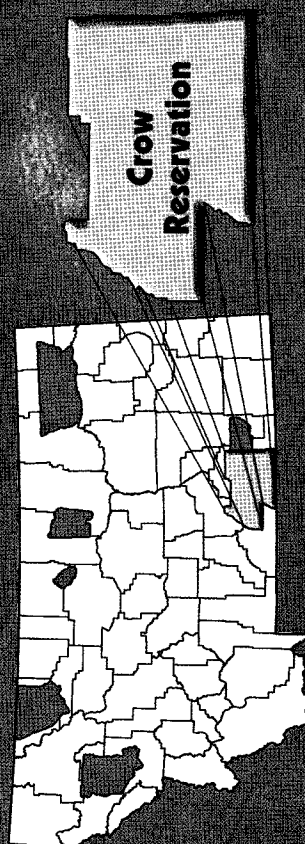


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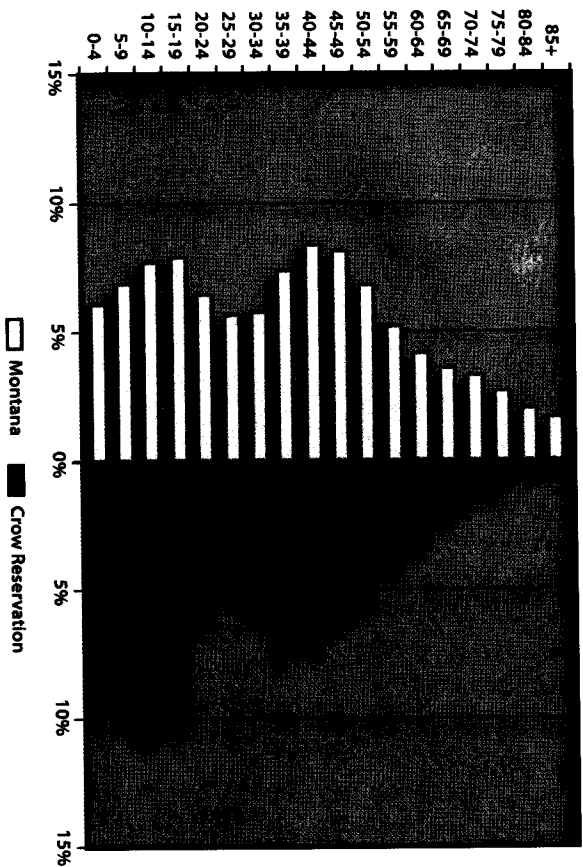
Crow Reservation - Occupation by Gender

Employed Civilian Population 16 Years and Over

| Occupation | Total | American Indian |
|---|-------|-----------------|
| Total: | 2,310 | 1,535 |
| Male: | 1,112 | 683 |
| Management, professional, and related occupations | 392 | 172 |
| Service occupations | 265 | 228 |
| Sales and office occupations | 94 | 59 |
| Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations | 78 | 11 |
| Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations | 184 | 144 |
| Production, transportation, and material moving occupations | 99 | 69 |
| Female: | 1,198 | 852 |
| Management, professional, and related occupations | 415 | 267 |
| Service occupations | 344 | 278 |
| Sales and office occupations | 377 | 286 |
| Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations | 11 | 0 |
| Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations | 12 | 9 |
| Production, transportation, and material moving occupations | 39 | 12 |

Crow Reservation - Population Pyramid

Percent of Total Reservation Population by Age Group



Crow Wage & Salary Employment

Annual Averages 2005

| Industry | Average Employment | Average Annual Wages Per Job |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Total | 1,544 | \$27,930 |
| Total Private | 275 | \$17,546 |
| Goods Producing | 17 | \$31,165 |
| Service Providing | 258 | \$16,645 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 113 | \$15,725 |
| Retail Trade | 90 | \$9,831 |
| Gasoline Stations | 40 | \$10,256 |
| Professional and Business Services | 12 | \$25,204 |
| Professional, Scientific, and Tech. Services | 12 | \$25,204 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 77 | \$15,748 |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation | 65 | \$16,670 |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 12 | \$10,650 |
| Total Government | 1,269 | \$30,183 |
| Federal Government | 463 | \$47,966 |
| State Government | 10 | \$21,618 |
| Local Government | 796 | \$19,949 |

Crow Reservation

The Crow Reservation, headquartered in Crow Agency, is the largest reservation in Montana, encompassing 2.2 million acres of rolling upland plains, the Wolf, Bighorn and Pryor Mountains, and the bottomlands of the Bighorn River, Little Bighorn River and Pryor Creek. The reservation is home to 8,143 (71.7%) of the 11,357 enrolled Apsaalooke tribal members.

According to Tribal Enrollment officials, 4,258 (37.49%) of enrolled Apsaalooke members are below the age of 18. To address the need for post-secondary education, the Tribe took a progressive stance and opened Little Bighorn Community College in 1980. What began with less than a dozen students now hosts 328 full-time students and employs 50 staff members, 12 faculty members, and 7 work-study program students.

The majority of employment is supplied by the Crow Tribe and federal programs, providing work to 2,202 employees in total. More specifically, the Bureau of Indian Affairs provides employment to 87 employees and the Crow/Northern Cheyenne Hospital has 270 employees including all outreach services. Privately owned businesses account for 253 employees in total (*employment numbers provided by tribal and public entities directly*).

The basis of the economy is derived from the rich resources of the Tribe's land, which is used directly to support livestock operations. The Tribe owns vast and varied amounts of renewable and non-renewable resources on the reservation which include land, sand and gravel, water and timber, coal, oil, and methane gas. In October of 2004, the Crow Tribe contracted Koski Geophysical Consulting of Billings to conduct seismic testing, evaluation and interpretation of data. With the findings, the Tribe was able to market its potential for oil and methane gas production at trade shows in Houston and Denver. In May 2005, the Tribe secured a minerals lease agreement with Golden Arrow Energy of Wyoming to begin production on 7,680 acres south of Crow Agency.

The Crow Nation is the first Tribe in the United States to adopt into law the Model Secured Transactions Act that was developed by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL). NCCUSL drafted the Uniform Commercial Code in the 1940s.

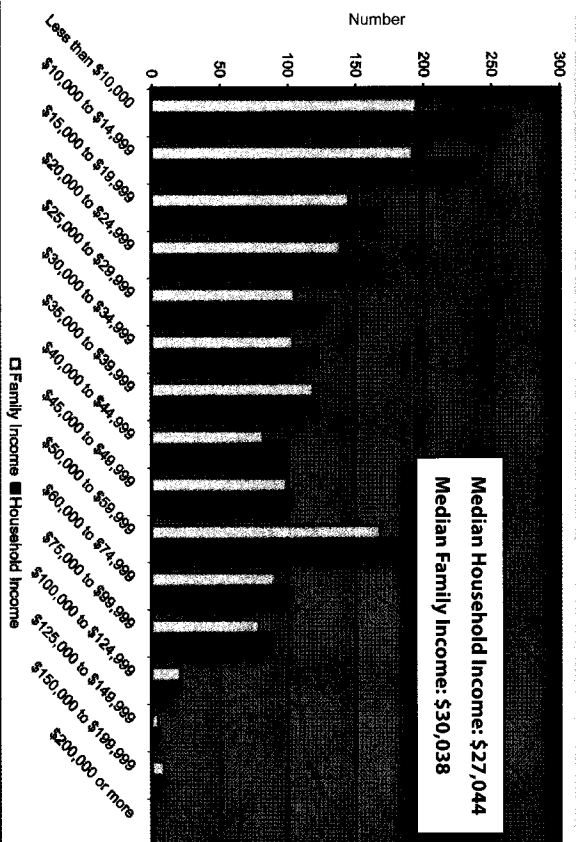
In 2001, the Crow Nation approved a new constitution, designating four year terms for elected officers and an elected district legislature. Since adopting the new constitution, the Crow Legislature has approved the Finance Protection and Procedures Act and the Model Tribal Secured Transactions Act. These two acts enable Crow members to obtain home ownership and business ownership financing. This recently enacted legal infrastructure has provided economic opportunity and stability for Crow members and the community.

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Crow Reservation - Agricultural Statistics 2002 Census of Agriculture

| Farms | | |
|--|-----------|---------|
| Farms (number) | 377 | 138 |
| Land in farms (acres) | 1,989,372 | 838,738 |
| Average size of farms (acres) | 5,277 | 6,078 |
| Farms by size: (number) | | |
| Less than 1,000 acres | 196 | 89 |
| 1,000 acres or more | 181 | 49 |
| Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number) | | |
| Less than \$100,000 | 274 | 124 |
| \$100,000 or more | 103 | 14 |
| Farms by type of organization: (number) | | |
| Family, individual, Partnership | 336 | 130 |
| Corporation, Cooperative, Trust | 41 | 8 |
| Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested | | |
| Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number) | | |
| Cattle and calves | 57,297 | 9,842 |
| Hogs and pigs | (D) | - |
| Sheep and lambs | (D) | - |
| Horses and ponies | 3,031 | 1,571 |
| Bison | 1,981 | (D) |
| Chickens (layers and broilers) | 251 | (D) |
| Crops Harvested (acres) | | |
| Corn for grain | (D) | - |
| Corn for silage or greenchop | 2,061 | - |
| Wheat for grain, All | 75,488 | 2,840 |
| Winter wheat for grain | 59,717 | (D) |
| Durum wheat for grain | - | - |
| Spring wheat for grain | 15,771 | (D) |
| Barley for grain | 8,264 | - |
| Oats for grain | 670 | (D) |
| Sunflower seed, All | - | - |
| Soybeans for beans | (D) | - |
| Hay, haylage, grass silage | 43,052 | 8,287 |
| Operator Demographics | | |
| Primary occupation: (number) | | |
| Farming | 341 | 69 |
| Other | 218 | 107 |
| Place of residence: (number) | | |
| On farm operated | 453 | 147 |
| Not on farm operated | 106 | 29 |
| Years on present farm: (number) | | |
| Less than 10 years | 177 | 55 |
| 10 years or more | 384 | 121 |
| Age group: (number) | | |
| Under 55 years | 349 | 112 |
| 55 years and over | 210 | 64 |
| Average age of all operators: (number) | 50.9 | 51.2 |

Crow Reservation - Distribution of Income by Family and Household from Census 2000



Crow Reservation - Educational Attainment Population 25 Years and Older

| Educational Attainment | Total | American Indian |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| High School Diploma (or equivalent) | 30.5% | 29.8% |
| Associate Degree | 5.6% | 5.2% |
| Bachelor's Degree | 10.4% | 7.9% |
| Master's Degree | 2.3% | 1.8% |

Owner and Renter Occupied Housing Units

| Housing | Total | American Indian |
|-----------------|-------|-----------------|
| Owner Occupied | 71.3% | 70.5% |
| Renter Occupied | 28.7% | 29.5% |

Crow Reservation - Labor Force Statistics

The table below provides labor force statistics from three separate sources. The reader will notice some of the numbers are dissimilar, owing to the differing definitions and statistical techniques used by each source. These differences are explained below:

Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS):

- Statistics represent labor characteristics of the reservation, not the tribe.
- Unemployment rates produced by MT Department of Labor
- Labor Force definition
 - Civilian, non-institutional population 16 years and older
 - The sum of Employment and Unemployment
- Employment definition
 - Did any work as paid employees
 - Worked in their own business, profession, or farm
 - Worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family owned enterprise
- Unemployment definition
 - Have not worked during monthly survey period (usually the week containing the 12th of the month)
 - Available for work
 - Actively seeking a job during last four weeks
- Unemployment Rate definition
 - Equal to the number of Unemployed divided by number in the Labor Force

U.S. Census Bureau:

- Statistics represent labor characteristics of the reservation, not the tribe.
- Uses the same definitions for Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment as BLS
- Self-reported every ten years
- Rate reflects employment status as of April 1st, 2000

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA):

- Statistics represent labor characteristics of the tribe, not the reservation.
- Labor Force definition
 - Number of tribal members between 16 and 64 years old
 - Available for work
 - Not disabled or incarcerated
- Employment definition
 - Tribal members working for money
- Unemployment definition
 - Calculated by subtracting Employment from Labor Force

| | Year | Labor Force | Employed | Unemployed | Unemp. Rate |
|--|------|-------------|----------|------------|-------------|
| Montana Department of Labor and Industry | 2005 | 2,886 | 2,527 | 359 | 12.4% |
| U.S. Census Bureau | 2000 | 2,786 | 2,310 | 476 | 17.1% |
| U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs | 2005 | 4,593 | 2,455 | 2,138 | 46.5% |